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To the Commissioner of Patents,  
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Dear Sir,

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title Rot Protector.

Thank you for the notice of missing parts. I am in fact a small entity and am entitled to file with the small entity fee scale.

Accordingly I am enclosing herewith an Independent Inventor declaration, signed by myself.

I trust that this completes the file to your satisfaction.  
If you require anything more please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

John G Shaw.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. G. Shaw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.